

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1-7 (Canceled)

8. (New) A friction clutch for vehicles, comprising a driving member and a driven member coaxial to the driving member, with a pack of clutch
5 plates between the driving and driven members, the plates being alternatively connected to the driving member and to the driven member, a pressure member engaged by elastic means to push the clutch plates against a ledge of the driven member, a floating member that is axially translatable
10 between the driven member and the pressure member, and driving means on said driving member and floating member which are in mutual, rotary and shifting engagement to axially push the floating member against the pressure member in contrast to said elastic means, wherein said driving means comprise rollers each pivotally supported by one of said driving
15 member and floating member about a substantially radial axis to engage respective inclines that are frontally made on the other one of said driving member and floating member.

9. (New) The friction clutch of claim 8, wherein said rollers are pivotally supported on said driving member.

10. (New) The friction clutch of claim 8, wherein each roller has a
20 substantially spherical, middle portion and two opposite, diametrical ends.

11. (New) The friction clutch of claim 10, wherein said substantially spherical, middle portion is diametrically supported on a pin and said opposite, diametrical ends are the ends of the pin.

12. (New) The friction clutch of claim 9, wherein said rollers are
25 arranged in respective, equally spaced slots made on the driving member and said opposite, diametrical ends are engaged in holes made on the side walls of the slot.

13. (New) The friction clutch of claim 9, wherein said inclines are made on a plate member that is made of a wearproof material and is frontally
30 laid on the floating member.

14. (New) The friction clutch of claim 8, wherein said pressure member consists of a cap having an annular surface adapted to engage said clutch plates, and wherein said elastic means comprise a spider spring having a smaller base that is axially retained by retaining means and a larger
5 base that is elastically abutted against a circumferential abutment of the cup on the opposite side of the annular surface.